Clause 1

Clause 1 of the Bill as finally passed seeks to give retrospective operation to the provisions of the Bill from 15th Mithunam 1120. The original intention as announced by His Highness the late Maharaja on the occasion of His birthday was to pay fixed allowances to the non-official members of the Legislative Council from the beginning of the next year. Subsequently however, it was considered more appropriate to give effect to the decision from the date of the announcement, namely, from 29th Vrischigam 1121. The Government Bill was introduced on this basis. But a non-official amendment seeking to give operation to the provisions from 15th Mithunam 1120 was passed by the Legislative Council despite Government opposition. There is no apparent reason to give effect as from a date in the year previous to that in which the announcement was made. The allowance being an annual one it is also appropriate that it takes effect from the beginning of a year. The Bill may therefore provide to take effect from the 1st day of Chingam 1121.

Clause 3

2. The second proviso to section 4 (2) proposed to be inserted by clause 3 of the Bill is intended to enable a non-official member to draw both travelling and daily allowances for the day on which a journey is performed. At present a member is allowed for his railway journey 1½ first class fare. The extra ½ first class fare is intended to cover the other expenses of the day of the journey. It is therefore anomalous to give both daily allowance and the excess ½ first class fare for the same day. The retention of the second proviso may be reconsidered."

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 1,000—under—"6. Co-operative Societies—Printing charges"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,000—under—"6. Co-operative Societies—Printing charges."

The expenditure under "Printing charges" of the Co-operative Department has increased much as a large number of forms and registers have to be printed after the introduction of the departmental execution of Co-operative decrees from the beginning of 1121. The usual provision of Rs. 880 under "Printing charges" has therefore become insufficient to meet the expenditure under this head. An additional allotment of Rs. 1,000 is therefore, necessary under "6. Co-operative Societies—Printing charges".

Mr. M. O. Thomakutty *(Commerce and Industry):* I have to raise a point of order. Generally we are getting this Agenda and the notes of the Standing Finance Committee only 5 days before the announcement of the Council. Last time we got only on Thursday. Therefore there was hardly any time to make any cut motions. In future it may kindly be sent sufficiently early.

Mr. President: Yes. I will see that sufficient notice is given.

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 57,661—under—"25. Ayurveda—Special Contribution for Rural Development"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 57,661 under "25. Ayurveda—Special Contribution for Rural Development".

The construction of a building for the Manufacturing Section, R. V. C. A. Hospital is in progress. The total expenditure for the work is estimated at Rs. 75,000. Towards this, a sum of "Rs. 17,339—5—9 available under Special contribution—Ayurveda" has been adjusted. The balance of Rs. 57,660—10—3 (Rs. 57,661) is required for payment this year. An additional allotment of Rs. 57,661 is therefore necessary under "25. Ayurveda—Special Contribution for Rural Development".

Demand put and carried

3. Rs. 3,000—under—"25. Ayurveda—Cost of Medicines"

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development):* I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 3,000 under "25. Ayurveda—Cost of Medicines".

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